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E.O. 12366: DECL: MADA TACS: PHANI SOCI, PCOU, CE SHEJECT: PASTOR SAYS SECSTATE VISIT TO CAURCH HAY GIVE CHRISTIANS LEVERACE VITE PRO GOVERNMENT

2. SURVARY: PASTOR KAN OF THE BEIJING CHRISTIAN CHURCH SAID NOV. 19 THAT, DESPITE THE QUERYMEINING CHIRESE SECORITY PRESENCE AT THE CHURCH SUNDAY, NOV. 17 WHICH HAD CANSED DIFFICULTIES FOR SOME

PARISHIOMERS. ME MAS PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY CRATEFUL FOR THE SECSTATE VISIT. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT HE SAW THE VISIT AS HELPFUL IN HIS EFFORTS TO CARRY ON VITH HIS WORK IN CHILD, BOTING THAT SUCH A BITCH LEVEL VISIT SHOWS EVERYONE IN THE COVERNMENT THAT THE CRESISTIAN CHURCH HAS FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES. END SUMMARY.

VISIT MELPFUL TO BIS WORK

3. ON NOV. 19, POLOFF BETWEED THE GIFT AND THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO PASTOR KAN OF THE BEIJING CHRISTIAN CRURCH. HE SAID THAT HE MAS PERSONALLY AND PROCESSIONALLY GRATEFUR FOR THAT IR HIS FUTURE BEALINGS WITH THE PROCOVERNMENT, HE COULD POINT TO THE VISIT OF SECRETARY BAKER AS EVIDENCE THAT IF THE PROC VISITO INPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., IMPROVING THE COMBITIONS UNGER MICH THE CREISTIAN CHURCHES OPERATE MOULD BE MOTICED AND APPRECIATED IN WASHINGTON.

4. REV. EAM ALSO IMDICATED THAT HE SAW THE VISIT AS MELPFUL IN HIS EFFORTS TO CARRY ON WITH HIS WORK IN CRIMA. HOTIMG THAT SUCH A HIGH LEVEL WISIT SHOWS EVERYORS IN THE GOVERNMENT THAT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS FRIEND HE FICH PLACES. TO RELIFORCE THIS, PASTOR EAM SAID THAT HE PLAMMED TO FRAME THE THAME YOU LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY AND BISPLAY IT PROBINEHILT IN HE CHURCH OFFICE. HE WAS ALSO WERY

PLEASED TO EXCEIVE THE CIFT, WHICE HE SAID WOULD SERVE AS AMOTHER TANCIBLE REHINDER TO EVERYONE THAT HE AMB BIS CHURCH ENJOY THE RESPECT AND ATTENTION OF BEIJIN 36613 BB OF BZ 19128BZ BIGH OFFICIALS IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

OVERWELNING CRINESE SECURITY PRESENCE

WHER POLOST ARRIVED, KAN SAID THAT HE AND THE OTHER PASTORS OF THE CHURCH WERE DISCUSSING THE CHINESE SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN DURING SECRETARY BAKER'S VISIT, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS EXCESSIVE. CHURCE, THE EMBASSY, AND THE CRINESE SECURITY FORCES DOM HAD AGREED THAT THE CHURCH WOULD IBENTIFY ITS PARISH-ONERS AT THE CATEVAY, AND ALL WOULD BE PERMITTED TO ENTER. DESPITE THIS ACREEMENT HOVEVER, THE CHIMESE SECURITY MEN HAD DENIED ENTRY TO PARISEIONERS AS THE TIME APPROACHED FOR THE SECRETARY TO ARRIVE, AND AFTER THE PARTY HAD ENTERED THE CHURCH: MODED NOT LET ANYONE: EVEN AN ENBASSY STAFF MEMBER WORKING AT THE SITE, ENTER THE COMPOUND. HE SAID THAT SECURITY THIS TIME HAD BEEN NUCK MORE INTRUSIVE THAN DURING PRESIDENT BUSH'S VISIT IN FEBRUARY 1989. THER, HE SAID, THE CHINESE SECURITY FORCES HAD LISTENED TO THE CHURCH AND THE EMBASSY, AND ALL PARISHIOMERS HAD BEEN ALLOWED INTO THE CHURCH.

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7. PASTOR KAN SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SUCH A HIGH LEVEL VISIT ABOUT ONCE A YEAR, JUST TO REEP THE PRC AVARE OF THE POWERFUL CONNECTIONS HE AND THE CAURCH HAVE. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE DID NOT THIM THAT HIS POSITION OF THE CHURCH PROPER MOULD SUFFER AS A RESULT OF THE VISIT, MOTING THAT THE CHURCH HAD BEEN THERE SO LONG AND HAD SUCH FRIENDS THAT THE COVERNALH MOULD NOT CRACK BOWN MON.

8. COMMENT: WHILE THE SECSTATE VISIT CENERATED

TEMPORARY DIFFICULTIES FOR SOME PARISHIOMERS, PASTOR RAM SERVED TO VIEW SECRETARY BAKER'S PRESENCE AS A VALUABLE CLIFT WHICH WOULD ONLY REDOUND TO HIS BUILDED. FIRE PARISH FOR MALE AND INFORMAL CONTACTS.

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E.O. 12356: DECL: DADR TAGS: PRUIL SOCI, PCOU, CE STRUCCI: PASTOR SAYS SECSTATE VISIT TO CHURCH HAY GIVE CHRISTIANS LEVERAGE WITH PRC GOVERNMENT

- 1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
- SUMMARY: PASTOR KAN OF THE BEIJING CHRISTIAN CHURCE SAID NOV. 19 THAT, DESPITE THE OVERWHELMING CRIMESE SECURITY PRESENCE AT THE CHURCH SUNDAY, NOV. 17 WHICH HAD CAUSED DIFFICULTIES FOR SOME

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- 3. ON MOY. 15, POLOFF DELIVERED THE GIFT AND THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO PASTOR KAN OF THE BEIJING CHRISTIAN CHURCH. HE SAID THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY GRATEFUL FOR THE SECSTATE VISIT. PASTOR KAN SAID HE THOUGHT THAT IN HIS FUTURE DEALINGS WITH THE PRC GOVERNMENT. HE COULD POINT TO THE VISIT OF SECRETARY BAKER AS EVIDENCE THAT IF THE PRC WISKED TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE CRRISTIAN CHURCHES OPERATE WOULD BE NOTICED AND APPRECIATED IN WASHINGTON.
- REV. KAN ALSO INDICATED THAT HE SAV THE VISIT AS HELPFUL IN HIS EFFORTS TO CARRY ON WITH HIS WORK IN CHINA, MOTING THAT SUCH A HIGH LEVEL VISIT SHOWS EVERYONE IN THE GOVERNMENT THAT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH WAS FRIENDS IN WIGH PLACES. TO REINFORCE THIS. PASTOR KAN SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO FRAME THE THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY AND DISPLAY IT PROMINENTLY IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. HE WAS ALSO VERY

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- 7. PASTOR KAN SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SUCH A HICH LEVEL VISIT ABOUT CHICE A YEAR, JUST TO KEEP THE PRC AVARE OF THE POWERFUL CONNECTIONS HE AND THE CHURCH MAVE. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK THAT HIS POSITION OR THE CHURCH PROPER MOVED SUFFER AS A RESULT OF THE VISIT, NOTING THAT THE CHURCH WAD BEEN THERE SO LONG AND HAD SUCH FRIENDS THAT THE COVERNMENT WOULD NOT CRACK DOWN NOW.
- 8. COMMENT: WHILE THE SECSTATE VISIT CENERATED

TEMPORARY DIFFICULTIES FOR SOME PARISHIONERS, PASTOR KAN SEEMED TO VIEW SECRETARY BAKER'S PRESENCE AS A VALUABLE GIFT WHICH WOULD ONLY REDOUND TO HIS BENEFIT. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION THERE WITH FORMAL AND INFORMAL CONTACTS. END COMMENT.

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